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**“San Bernardino County Animal Shelters joins  
Home 4 the Holidays 2005  
– A nationwide “Cause for the Paws”**

***San Bernardino, CA*** -- The San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control Program, and the three shelters that they operate, including the Big Bear, Devore, and Rancho Cucamonga Animal Shelters, announced today that it will join paws with the Helen Woodward Animal Center, The Iams Company, and more than 2,000 pet adoption centers for Home for the Holidays 2005, an event organized to raise awareness of the joys of owning shelter-adopted pets.

Those interested in adopting a pet can visit their local shelter in person or go on line at [www.sbcounty.gov/acc](http://www.sbcounty.gov/acc) and see all of the wonderful animals that are just waiting to find a home just like yours. Even if you are not looking to adopt you can still help the animals at the shelter by visiting them and encouraging your friends and family members who are interested in getting a new pet to adopt from a shelter.

On Saturday, **December 17, 2005** you can join in the celebration by bringing your pet to the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Shelter for their **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Santa Paws Day!”** Santa will stop by the shelter for winter wonderland photo opportunities that will be available for a \$5.00 donation to the shelter from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The shelter’s Junior Helpers (ages 10-14) and Junior Volunteers (ages 15-17) have been very busy preparing for this event. They have made special frames to hold your holiday photo memories in, stockings for all of the available animal’s cages, which can be filled with pet goodies by visitors, and they have been making special ornaments for all the animals that have been adopted during the Home 4 the Holidays event. So bring the whole family to the shelter to show your support! The shelter is located at 11780 Arrow Route in Rancho Cucamonga.

The San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control Program would like to invite everyone to join us in helping all of our animals find homes this holiday season. For more information, please call the San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control Program toll free at 1-800-472-5609 or visit their website at [www.sbcounty.gov/acc](http://www.sbcounty.gov/acc). Thank you!

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